
Application for



Military Order of the
Purple Heart
Scholarship



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2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Scholarship Program. This packet includes information relating to MOPH Scholarship eligibility and application requirements. Enclosed also is an Application Form.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to receive a Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship, the applicant must be:

- A recipient of the Purple Heart.
- The spouse or widow of a recipient of the Purple Heart, a veteran killed in action, or a veteran who died of wounds.
- The direct descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of the recipient of the Purple Heart, a veteran killed in action, or a veteran who died of wounds.
- A graduate or upcoming graduate (Senior) of an accredited high school.
- Able to demonstrate the capacity for advanced academic achievement or technical proficiency as demonstrated by at least a 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) based on a 4.0 grading system.
- Accepted by or enrolled as a full-time student (12 or more semester credit hours, or 18 quarter hours) at a US College, University or Trade School at the time the scholarship is awarded.
- A citizen of the United States of America.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete MOPH Scholarship Application must include a completed MOPH Scholarship Application form and the following supporting materials:

- Official high school and/or college transcript, including the latest completed semester or quarter of the current year.
- Essay of 100 – 300 words (approximately one page, double-spaced) on the subject **“The Value of Higher Education.”**
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.

- A non-refundable \$10.00 Processing Fee (*Check or Money Order – Do NOT send cash!*).
- Due to the diversity of grading systems among educational institutions, the MOPH Scholarship Committee will consider ONLY high school or college transcripts which are based on a 4.0 grading system. In the case of a letter grade system, or a 5.0 grading system, the transcript may be manually converted and certified by a school official, and handwritten on the transcript to a 4.0 grading equivalent. The applicant's academic record must be based on a 4.0 grading system to be eligible for consideration. **If the applicant's academic record is not based on a 4.0 grading system, or if a conversion to 4.0 is not included, the Scholarship Committee will not consider the application!**
- Proof of the receipt of the Purple Heart. If the applicant is a descendent of a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the application must include the MOPH member number. If the applicant is a descendent of a recipient of the Purple Heart who is not a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the application must be accompanied by a copy of a DD-214, DD-215, WDAGO 53-55, NAVPR-333, General Orders or other documentation specifying receipt of the Purple Heart

The Purple Heart Certificate or Transmittal of Award are, by themselves, not sufficient proof, although they may accepted if additional documents (e.g. congressional letters, newspaper articles, etc.) are provided to substantiate the receipt of the Purple Heart.

The MOPH Web Site (www.purpleheart.org) provides detailed information as well as links to other Web Sites to assist in obtaining a copy of Military Service Records. Military Records are in the custody of the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis. To request a copy of a DD-214 or other records, an individual must provide

- Veteran's complete name used while in the service
- Service number
- Social security number
- Branch of service
- Dates of service
- Date and place of birth

Requests must be sent to: National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Fax (314) 801-9195
Phone (314) 801-0800

All requests for records must be signed and dated by the veteran or next-of-kin.

DD-214s are now also available online. The National Personnel Records Center has provided the following website for veterans to access their DD-214 online:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION SCHEDULE

1 September 2006	MOPH Scholarship Program Announcement.
20 February 2007	Applications must be received at MOPH National Headquarters in Springfield, Virginia by 5:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!
1 March 2007	Eligible Applications forwarded to Scholarship Committee for evaluation.
21 April 2007	(Approximate) Announcement of Scholarship Awards.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCEDURES

The MOPH Scholarship Program is funded by a grant from the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation.

Applications that are not complete will be disqualified and will not be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the MOPH Scholarship Application is complete, including all required supporting materials. Applicants submitting an Application determined to be ineligible will be notified of the decision.

The MOPH Scholarship Committee will consider the applicant's academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, strength of letters of recommendation, and content of the essay. Decisions regarding eligibility or the award of a scholarship will be made by the MOPH Scholarship Committee, and are final and not subject to appeal.

Each MOPH Scholarship will be in the amount of \$3,000.00.

An applicant may apply and re-apply for a MOPH Scholarship annually. An applicant may receive a total of three (3) MOPH scholarship awards. A second or third award of a MOPH Scholarship is not guaranteed.

To receive a MOPH Scholarship, the applicant must *carry* 12 or more semester credit hours, or 18 quarter credit hours at an accredited US College, University or Trade School at the time the scholarship is awarded. MOPH Scholarships may not be applied to summer school, or a special project.

To receive a MOPH Scholarship, the applicant must attend an accredited US College, University or Trade School. Scholarships will not be awarded to students attending non-US institutions.

If selected for a MOPH Scholarship, the applicant will be notified in late April 2007. The Applicant will at that time be asked to submit a color photo and biographical information, as well as information as to which College, University or Trade School the applicant is attending or intends to attend. Once the information is received, a two-way check will be made out to the applicant and the College, University or Trade School of his or her choice. If an applicant fails to provide the requested information, his or her scholarship award may be in jeopardy.

It is understood that the final decision of a student as to which educational institution he or she attends may not have been made by the time of the award of the MOPH Scholarship. If the applicant decides to change the designated educational institution, the scholarship award check must be returned, and a new check will be issued.

Should you have any questions, you may contact MOPH Headquarters, or the Chair of the Scholarship Committee:

Jim Sims
(360) 432-8195 (**Pacific Coast Time**)
jim.ginny@worldnet.att.net

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Last First Middle Initial

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____

Date of Birth: ____ **Male** ____ **Female**

Address:

Street

City or Town State ZIP Code

Telephone Number E-Mail

ELIGIBILITY

Name of Purple Heart recipient from whom you descend: _____

Relationship: _____

____ **Living** ____ **Deceased** ____ **Killed in Action** ____ **Died of Wounds**

If the Purple Heart recipient is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart:

Member Number _____ **Chapter** _____

Note: If the Purple Heart recipient is not a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, evidence must be provided of the receipt of the Purple Heart. The attached Scholarship Information material provides detailed information regarding proof of the receipt of the Purple Heart.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

List in order the High School, College, University or Trade School you have attended or are currently attending:

Name	Location	Dates
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Name	Location	Dates

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): ____ High School ____ College or University

Name and location of the College, University or Trade School(s) to which you are applying, or which you are attending:

Major or Course of Study: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES and HONORS

On a separate sheet list High School and College or University Extracurricular Activities you have participated in, or are participating in, as well as Honors you have received. Be specific with dates.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On a separate sheet list community service or volunteer activities in which you are participating, or have participated in. Be specific with dates.

WORK EXPERIENCE

On a separate sheet list your work experience, including dates and responsibilities.

NEATNESS COUNTS !!!

DECLARATION OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

I have read and understand the information available on the Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship Program.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, I plan to attend as a Full-Time Student, an accredited College, University or Technical College.

I authorize the Military Order of the Purple Heart to request and receive information regarding my academic records and enrollment status at my designated College, University, or Trade School.

I certify that the information included in my application and all supporting documents is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete.

I agree to abide by the rules and criteria established by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship Committee, and am aware that the decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If the applicant is under the age of 18 years, a parent or guardian must also sign.)

Mail or deliver the completed Application, signed Declaration, and all required additional materials (transcript(s), essay, letters of recommendation, and processing fee) to:

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MOST FREQUENT QUESTIONS and ANSWERS RELATING to the PURPLE HEART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Q: What is the deadline to apply for a MOPH Scholarship?

A: 20 February 2007. No exceptions will be granted.

Q: Can the adopted or step-child of a Purple Heart recipient apply?

A: Yes, the child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, or great grandchild, of a Purple Heart recipient is eligible for a MOPH scholarship.

Q: Does the age of the applicant matter?

A: No.

Q: Is a MOPH Scholarship awarded only to graduating high school Seniors?

A: No. You may apply if you are already enrolled at an accredited US College, University or Trade School.

Q: Can I apply if I am a Graduate School student?

A: Yes, if you are a full-time student. Preference for the award of scholarships, however, is to Undergraduate or Trade School students.

Q: Do I have to be a full-time student to be eligible for a MOPH scholarship?

A: Yes. You must be a full-time student *carrying* 12 or more semester credit hours, or 18 quarter credit hours at a US College, University or Trade School at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Q: Does the Purple Heart recipient have to be a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart?

A: No. Preference for the award of scholarships, however, is to recipients of the Purple Heart, descendants of members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and spouses or widows of recipients of the Purple Heart, those killed in action, or those who may have died of wounds.

Q: Can I make changes to my application after I submit it?

A: Only the name of the College, University or Trade School can be Changed after the application is submitted.

Q: Is a MOPH Scholarship based on financial need?

A: No. The MOPH Scholarship Committee will consider the applicant's academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, strength of letters of recommendation, and content of the essay

Q: How many times can I apply for a Purple Heart Scholarship?

A: An applicant may apply and re-apply for a Purple Heart Scholarship each year. An applicant, however, may receive a total of three (3) Purple Heart scholarship awards. A second or third award of a scholarship is not guaranteed.

Q: May I submit a copy of a transcript, or submit an unofficial transcript?

A: No, only official transcripts will be accepted.

Q: Will everyone who applies receive a scholarship?

A: No. This is a very competitive scholarship program. More than 500 applications were received in 2006 – 33 scholarships were awarded.

Q: Is a picture of the Purple Heart or a copy of a citation sufficient proof of a Purple Heart?

A: No. If the applicant is a descendent of a recipient who is not a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the application must be accompanied by a copy of a DD-214, DD-215, WDAGO 53-55, NAVPR-333, General Orders or other documentation specifying receipt of the Purple Heart

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